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Governor Musgrove Praises Teachers at Mini-Grant Awards Luncheon

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove praised the creativity and commitment of Mississippi's teachers at an awards luncheon today. The luncheon was sponsored by Time-Warner Cable.

"It's important that we take time to recognize and honor the qualities that these teachers here today bring to the classroom," Musgrove said. "Their dedication to bringing out the best in our children makes a difference not only in the lives of those they teach, but in the strength of our entire educational system."

Awards were presented for 37 different projects implemented at schools in the Jackson metropolitan area, with titles such as "Getting in Shape with Math," "Every Worker and Job is Important," "We Haz Jazz... An American Evolution," "Using the Internet to Enhance Whole Class Instruction," and "Peace-Making Skills for a Lifetime."

"The work done by Mississippi's teachers is essential to our success as a state," said Musgrove. "It is a key component in our effort to build good schools, good jobs and good communities."

Under Musgrove's leadership, teacher pay in Mississippi is rising from 49th to 19th in the nation, the state ranks 6th in the nation in the number of Nationally Board Certified Teachers, and Mississippi is the first state in the nation to place an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom.

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